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CONSTELLATIONS IN ELLIPTICAL ORBITS INCLINED
TO THE EQUATORIAL PLANE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph starting on page 4, line 19
through line 21.

REMARKS

A response to Fig. 1B was erroneously included in the
application. This reference has been deleted.

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Marked Up Specification Replacement Paragraph

[Fig. 1B is a schematic block diagram of a communication system in accordance with another preferred embodiment of the present invention;]